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SUBJ : NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRADE MISSION

1. PERMANENT SECRETARY, NIGERIAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRADE
AUGUST 16 OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED LETTER OF NACC CONCERNING
"BUSINESS AND TRADE DELEGATION TO U.S.A." PERMSEC REPORTED
THAT ACTION TAKEN TO INFORM NIGERIA'S MISSION IN U.S. OF
IMPENDING VISIT.
2. NACC PRESIDENT HAS WRITTEN TO NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR AND
EDWIN OGBU, NIGERIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN, NEW YORK,
AUGUST 13 AND 14 RESPECTIVELY, ASKING FOR COURTESIES TO DELEGA-
TION. MISSION EXPECTS TO MEET WITH THESE OFFICIALS.
3. NACC HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO RESPONSE TO JULY 5 LETTERS TO
NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER, NEW YORK.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EARLY CONTACT COULD BE
ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT WITH BOTH ORGANIZATIONS ON BASIS OF
INFORMATION REFTEL.
4. USIS IS PRINTING 500 COPIES 10-PAGE BROCHURE FOR NACC BUSINESS
DELEGATION AND TRADE MISSION. BROCHURE HAS PICTURE OF EACH
MEMBER WITH BRIEF RESUME CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL, HIS COMPANY AND
INTERESTS. PRINTING SCHEDULED FOR MAILING TO U.S. SEPTEMBER 1.
5. NACC DELEGATION IS HOLDING FINAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 13. PRIOR
TO THAT DATE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHONE
NUMBERS OF CONTACTS IN DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE, CU ESCORT

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OFFICERS, AND COMMERCE DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACTS ARRANGING BUSINESS

OPPORTUNITIES IN CITIES BEING VISITED.

6. EMBASSY HOPES THAT COMMERCE OFFICERS HANDLING GROUP WILL BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE AS MANY INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS AS POSSIBLE FOR MEMBERS IN THEIR AREAS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE COMMERCE EVALUATION OF VISIT. EXPERIENCE WITH GROUP WILL BE MOST HELPFUL IN PLANNING FOR EMBASSY PROPOSED COMMERCE-SPONSORED NIGERIAN TRADE MISSION TO U.S. IN SEPTEMBER 1974 (REFERENCE LAGOS 6878).
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